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Mail Stop Patent Application
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Sir:

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendment prior to the calculation of fees and the initial examination of the present continuation above-identified patent application under 1.53(b) in which the parent case 09/630,246 survives.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.